The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"To some extent they can and they are doing them."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"Are there any figures showing the quantity of foreign rice imported?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. K. P. RAMAN MENON:—"Have the Government taken steps to prevent the bringing in copra from Ceylon?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"No."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI:—"Are the Government prepared to recommend to the Government of India the imposition of a heavy duty on rice imported into this country?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"The hon. Member's suggestion will be considered."

Local Self-Government

No-confidence motion against the President, Taluk Board, Guntur.

* 542 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what action the Government have taken on the vote of no confidence passed by the Taluk Board, Guntur, on its president?

A.—Government have taken no action in the matter as the question whether or not the motion had been passed by the requisite majority was not free from doubt.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I ask why the Government have not taken any action on the resolution passed by the Guntur Taluk Board?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"For the information of the hon. Member, I may state that we have issued a notice to the Taluk Board to show cause why it should not be dissolved."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Is it after the passing by that taluk board of the motion of no-confidence in its chairman that the order to show cause against dissolution was issued?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The reasons are stated in the notice. But I may state there has been a deadlock in the taluk board for the last so many months."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I ask whether the Government have mentioned the no-confidence resolution in their notice?"

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The no-confidence motion has nothing to do with our action."

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Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" My question is whether the Government have passed any orders on the no-confidence motion passed by the Guntur Taluk Board? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" As the matter is not free from doubt, the Government have left the matter to be decided in a court of law."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" May I know whether the Government have asked them to go to a court of law? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I never stated any such order has been passed."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" I find from the answer given here that the matter is not free from doubt. May I ask what the circumstance was that was responsible for this Government taking the drastic step of dissolution? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" There is no connexion between the two cases. The reason for issuing the notice was the deadlock existing there for the last so many months."

Medical Administration

Women's dispensary, Sivaganga.

* 543 *Q.*—Mrs. K. ALAMELUMANGATHAYARAMMA: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government to pleased to state—

(*a*) the average number of males, females and children daily attending the out-patients' women's dispensary in the Government Hospital at Sivaganga;

(*b*) whether a largely signed memorial from the citizens of Sivaganga has been received by the Government stating that there is no longer any need for the continuance of the Government Women's Dispensary; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken on the memorial?

A.—(*a*) There is no separate dispensary for women in the Government Hospital at Sivaganga. A statement [a] showing the daily average attendance of patients in the out-patients' department of the Government Hospital, Sivaganga, is laid on the table.

(*b*) A memorial signed by about 126 persons was received by the Government.

(*c*) As there is no separate Government dispensary for women at Sivaganga, the Government did not take any action on the memorial.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 198 infra.